

1. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition for oral administration of phloroglucinol, comprising, in a liquid state, a system which buffers the composition to a pH of between 3 and 7, or in a solid state, a system which, when placed in an aqueous medium, is capable of providing a buffer effect between pH 3 and pH 7.

2. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said buffer pH is between 4 and 6.

3. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, in the form of solutions, suspensions or syrups or in the form of tablets, gelatin capsules, powders, granules or lyophilizates.

4. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said system responsible for the buffer effect comprises at least one organic acid and/or at least one salt of an organic acid in association with at least one strong base and/or at least one salt of a strong base.

5. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 4, wherein said organic acid is selected from the group consisting of citric, tartaric, malic, lactic, acetic, glutaric, benzoic and adipic acids.

6. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 4, wherein said base comprises sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate, calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate,

sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, potassium bicarbonate or potassium carbonate.

7. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, in the form of an effervescent solid galenical preparation.

8. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, in the form of an effervescent tablet.

9. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, in the form of an effervescent tablet containing citric acid and sodium bicarbonate.

10. (Amended) Process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, comprising formulating the phloroglucinol in a liquid form with a system which buffers said liquid form to a pH of between 3 and 7, or in a solid form with a system which, when said solid form is placed in an aqueous medium, is capable of providing a buffer effect between pH 3 and pH 7.